

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application Serial No. 09/487,239
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REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claim 6 is amended. No new matter is presented.

Claims 6 and 8-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dauber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,538,545) in view of Takiguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,804,074). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Initially, Attorney for Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on August 30, 2005. During the interview, proposed amendments to independent claim 6 were discussed. Presently, claim 6 is amended to incorporate the features of the pore size and porosity, as discussed at the interview, which the Examiner indicated is apparently not taught by the combination of Dauber et al. in view of Takiguchi et al.

Specifically, the container holding an adsorbent defined by claim 6 is amended to add the feature of "wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene porous film has an average pore size of 0.2 to 1.5 μm and a porosity of 60 to 95%." Applicant submits that neither Dauber et al. nor Takiguchi et al, whether taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests *at least* this feature. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 is requested. Further, claims 8-12 are believed to be allowable at least by virtue of depending from claim 6, and allowance of claims 8-12 is therefore requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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